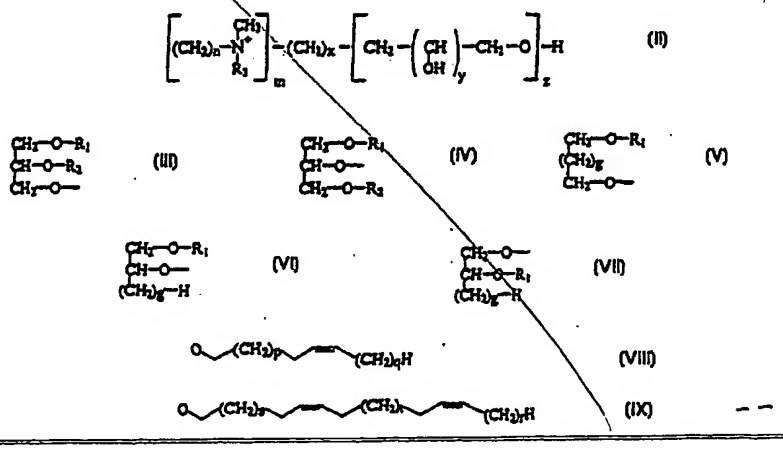

IN THE CLAIMS:

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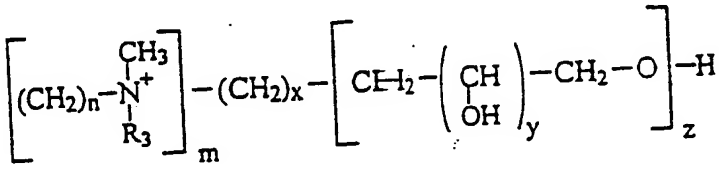
(II) 

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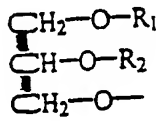
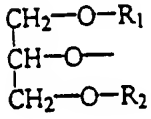
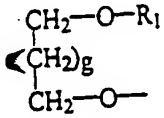
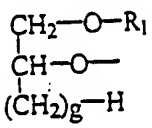
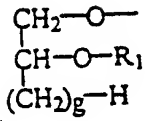
(III) 

(IV) 

(V) 

(VI) 

(VII) 

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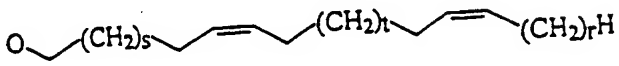
(IX) 

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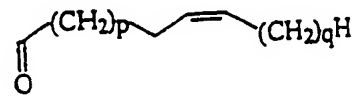
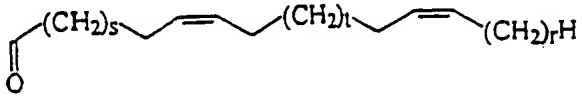
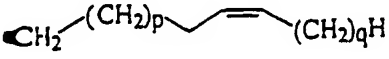
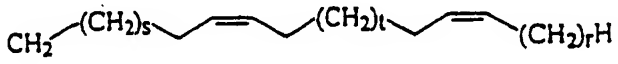
(X) 

(XI) 

(XII) 

(XIII) 

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with the proviso that when A is a radical of the formula (VIII) and $p + q$ is 12, q is not 4.

Please add the following new claim to the application.

--43. A compound according to claim 1, wherein A is a radical of formula (VIII), p is 9, q is 8, z is 0, x is 1, m is 1, n is 4 and R_3 is methyl.—

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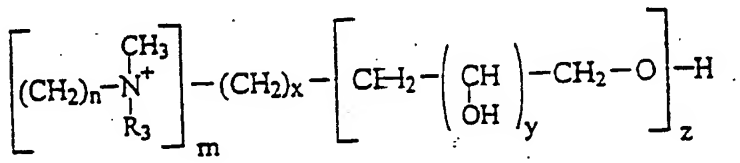
(II) 

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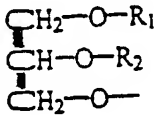
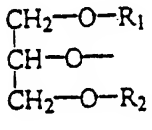
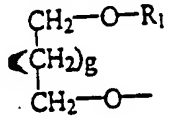
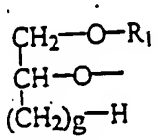
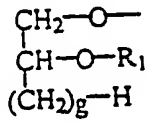
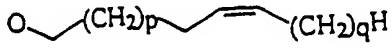
(III) 

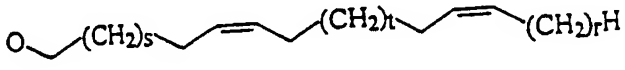
(IV) 

(V) 

(VI) 

(VII) 

(VIII) 

(IX) 

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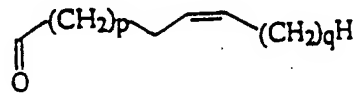
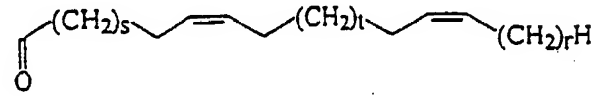
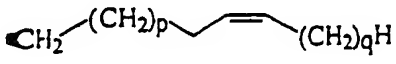
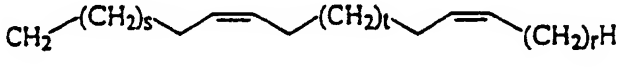
(X) 

(XI) 

(XII) 

(XIII) 

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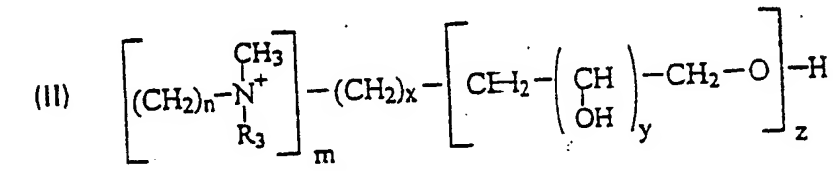
(II) 

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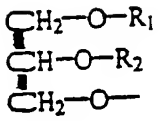
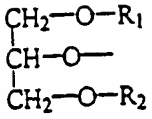
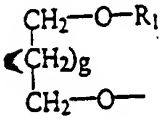
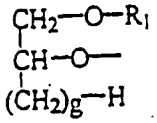
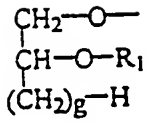
(III) 

(IV) 

(V) 

(VI) 

(VII) 

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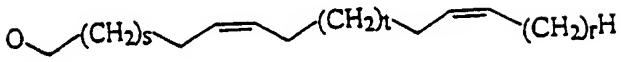
(IX) 

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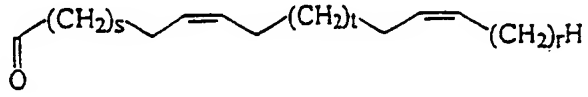
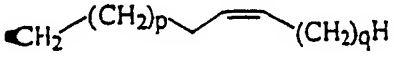
(XI) 

(XII) 

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